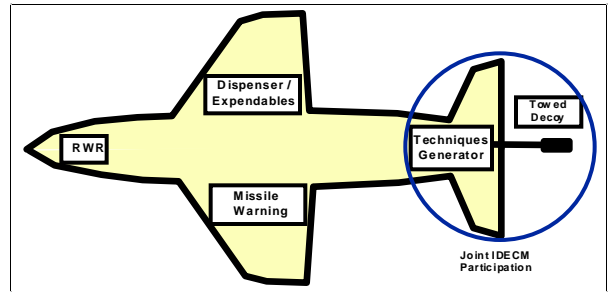


Acquisition Reform Success Story



Integrated Defensive Electronic Countermeasures (IDECM)

USAF Asst Pgm Mgr:
USAF PEO: Not Applicable
Contractor: Sanders, a Lockheed Martin Co
Contractor PM: Mr Jay Herther

Program Description

The Air Force is participating in the Integrated Defensive Electronic Countermeasures (IDECM) program to jointly develop a techniques generator (TG) and fiber optic towed decoy (FOTD) for aircraft self-protection against radio frequency (RF) missile threats. IDECM is a Navy-led joint program.

How Acquisition Streamlining Made a Difference

The Air Force and Navy merged two separate acquisition programs into one joint program. This merger eliminated duplicate development efforts, reduced unit procurement cost by increasing the total program buy and lowered projected sustainment costs.

Measure	FROM	TO
Program Office Manning	22	13
Military Standards and Specifications Used	40	3
Projected Average Unit Price	\$35K	\$20K
Number of Platforms (Applicability)	2	4
Projected Program Cost Avoidance	\$275M	

Bottom Line: The services are satisfying similar operational requirements with a common solution (doing it **better**), incorporating planned future upgrades today (doing it **faster**), and avoiding \$275M in total program cost (doing it **cheaper**).